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ICE NABS FOUR FUGITIVES LIVING IN ATLANTA

Arrests Part of ICE's Mission to Locate and Deport

ATLANTA – A 27-year-old convicted drug trafficker was arrested here Friday by detention and removal officers assigned to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE's) Fugitive Operation Task Force.

Kamran Rashid Hussain is among four Pakistani nationals arrested who had been on the run and in hiding since 2003. Hussain, who was admitted into the country in 1990 as a non-immigrant visitor, violated the terms of his agreement with the U.S. government by overstaying his visa. An immigration judge found him ineligible for any form of relief and ordered him removed on Jan. 6, 1999. His subsequent appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) was denied on Feb. 21, 2003.

"Those who think that they can evade deportation are sorely mistaken," said Felicia Skinner, acting field office director for detention and removal in Atlanta. "We are committed to restoring integrity to our nation's immigration system by identifying and removing criminals with no legal right to remain in this country."

The four individuals arrested are in ICE custody in the Atlanta Pre-Trial Detention Center awaiting removal from the country.

ICE's detention and removal efforts nationwide promote public safety and national security by ensuring all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed to their home countries as expeditiously as possible.

ICE's Atlanta office is home to one of 18 absconder teams nationwide tasked with locating and apprehending aliens who attempt to hide in the United States despite the lawful orders of immigration judges who have ordered the aliens to leave the country.

In Atlanta, ICE has arrested more than 500 criminal aliens since the beginning of Fiscal Year 05. ICE removed over 3,392 illegal aliens from the Atlanta area in Fiscal Year 04; 2,105 were criminal aliens.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.